Director of Asian Pacific Broadcasting Development

1097. SHRI ATAL. BIHARI VAJPAYEE: SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR; SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared, in The Week' of 24th —30th August, 1986 to the effect that for the prestigious post of Director of Asian Pacific Braadcasing Development, India twice nominated an IAS officer instead of a professional, who was rejected both the times; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A JIT PANJA); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Nomination to the top level post of Director, Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development was made keeping in view the appropriate seniority experience of he officers and job requirements of the post. That some other official was selected for the post belonging to another Member Country, is no reflection on the merits of the nomination made by the Government of India. Also, it is not correct that the same nomination was made twice by the Government; in fact, only the date of submission of applications was once extended by the AIBD.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Agricultural Price Policy—A Long Term Perspective

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the document entiled "Agricultural Price Policy—A Long Term Perspective." [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3136/86].

Notifications of the Ministry of Communications

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (5) of section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Communications: —

(i) G.S.R. No. 924, dated the 25th October, 1986, publishing the Indian Wireless Telegraph (Foreign Ships) Amendment Rules, 1986.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 925, dated the 25th October, 1986, publishing the Indian Wireless Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 1986.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 926, dated the 25th October, 1986, publishing the Radio, Television and Video Cassete Recorder Sets ([Exemption from! Licensing Requirements) Amend ment Rules, 1986.

[Placed in Library. *See* No.LT-3165/86 for (i) to (iii)].

Notifications of the Ministry of Trans-Port (Department of Surface — Transport) ...,